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Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I feel that there should not have been any litigation against Microsoft in the first place. Now that there has been an agreement reached, I hear there is a possibility of additional litigation. Why?

After extensive negotiations, Microsoft has agreed to terms that extend beyond what is generally expected in any antitrust case. Microsoft also agreed to design future versions of Windows to provide a mechanism to make it easy for computer companies, consumers and software developers to promote non-Microsoft software within Windows.

Let's stop the madness. Microsoft needs to go back to doing what it does best, creating "innovative technology". Government needs to focus on reviving the economy and protecting us from our real enemies and terrorists. I support the settlement, and look forward to the end that it will bring to this case.

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